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- 5. (original): The baby support of Claim 3, wherein the cover is detachably affixed to the fabric by means of:
  - (a) at least one complementary part of a snap connected to the cover; and
- (b) at least one opposing complementary part of a snap connected to the fabric which engages the at least one snap on the cover, so as to attach the cover to the fabric.
- 6. (previously presented): The baby support of Claim 3, wherein the cover is detachably affixed to the fabric by means of a complementary pair of strips consisting of one strip of fabric of small hooks that adheres to a corresponding strip of small loops, and wherein at lease one strip is connected to the cover, and at least one complementary strip is connected to the fabric, and whereby the cover is affixed to the fabric by engaging the at least one strip on the cover to the complementary strip on the fabric.
- 7. (original): The baby support of Claim 3 wherein the cover is detachably affixed to the fabric by means of a complementary pair of zipper strips, wherein at least one zipper strip is connected to the cover and at least one complementary zipper strip is connected to the fabric, and whereby the cover is affixed to the fabric by engaging the zipper on the cover with the complementary zipper on the fabric.
- 8. (original): The haby support of Claim 4 wherein the means for securing the fabric about the baby comprises:
- (a) at least one complementary part of a snap located on a first side of the fabric; and
- (b) at least one opposing complementary part of a snap located on a second side of the fabric in a configuration such that when the fabric is wrapped about the baby the at least one snap engages the at least one opposing complementary part of the snap, securing the fabric.
- 9. (previously presented): The baby support of Claim 4, wherein the means for securing the fabric about the baby comprises a complementary pair or strips consisting of one strip of fabric of small hooks that adheres to a corresponding strip of small loops, and wherein at least one strip is located on a first side of the fabric; and at least one



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complementary strip of is located on a second side of the fabric in a configuration such that when the fabric is wrapped about the baby the at least one strip is engageable with the at least one complementary strip securing the fabric.

- 10. (original): The baby support of claim 1, wherein the support pad is wider across a portion positioned under the baby's shoulder area and narrower across a portion positioned under the baby's foot area.
- 11. (original): The baby support of claim 1, wherein the support pad is substantially the same length as the baby's head and trunk in the dimension defined by the longitudinal orientation of the baby.
- 12. (original): The baby support of Claim 1, wherein the resilient support pad is constructed from a memory-foam material.

Claims 13-21 (canceled)

- 22. (currently amended): A baby support comprising:
- (a) a blanket, the blanket sized to <u>substantially</u> encapsulate the baby, the blanket having attached thereto means for receiving a resilient support pad in a position with respect to the blanket so as to simultaneously support at least the head, neck and upper back of the baby;
- (b) the resilient support pad being substantially planar-and of uniform thickness, the support pad-sized to support at least the head, neck and upper back of the baby, the profile of the support pad broader than the baby and substantially the same length as the baby, and sufficiently resilient so as to generally conform to the adjacent contour of the baby when the fabric is wrapped around the baby; and wherein when the support pad is joined with the means for receiving the support pad, the support pad provides firm support for at least the baby's head, neck and upper back when the blanket is secured about the baby.



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- 23. (original): The baby support of Claim 22, wherein the resilient support pad is constructed from a memory-foam material.
  - 24. (original): The baby support of Claim 22, wherein the means for receiving a support pad comprises a piece of material secured to the blanket about the periphery of the piece of material so as to form a pouch, said pouch configured to receive the support pad therein.
  - 25. (original): The baby support of Claim 22, wherein the means for receiving a support pad comprises a cover for receiving the support pad, the cover detachably affixable to the fabric, the cover having access means for inserting and removing the support pad.

Claim 26: (canceled)

- '- 27. (original): The baby support of Claim 25, wherein the cover is detachably affixed to the fabric by means of:
  - (a) at least one complementary part of a snap connected to the cover; and
- (b) at least one opposing complementary part of a snap connected to the fabric which engages the at least one complementary snap on the cover, so as to attach the cover to the fabric.
- (previously presented): The baby support of Claim 25, wherein the cover is detachably affixed to the blanket by means of a complementary pair of strips consisting of one strip of fabric of small hooks that adheres to a corresponding strip of fabric of small loops, and wherein at least one strip is connected to the cover; and at least one complementary strip of is connected to the blanket, and whereby the cover is affixed to the fabric by engaging the at least one strip on the cover to the complementary strip on the blanket.



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- (original): The baby support of Claim 25, wherein the cover is detachably affixed to the blanket by means of a complementary pair of zipper strips, wherein at least one zipper strip is connected to the cover and at least one complementary zipper strip is connected to the blanket, and whereby the cover is affixed to the blanket by engaging the zipper on the cover with the complementary zipper on the blanket.
  - 30. (original): The baby support of Claim 22, further comprising:
- (a) at least one complementary part of a snap located on a first side of the fabric; and
- (b) at least one opposing complementary part of a snap located on a second side of the fabric in a configuration such that when the fabric is wrapped about the baby the at least one snap engages the at least one opposing complementary snap so as to secure the blanket about the baby.
  - 31. (original): The baby support of Claim 22, further comprising:

a complementary pair of strips consisting of one strip of fabric of small hooks that adheres to a corresponding strip of fabric of small loops, and wherein at least one strip is located on a first side of the fabric; and at least one complementary strip of is located on a second side of the blanket which is engageable with the at least one strip on the first side of the blanket so as to secure the blanket about the baby.

## Claims 32-40: (canceled)

- 41. (currently amended): A baby support system comprising:
- (a) a first support structure configured to be wrapped about the baby, the first support structure having attached thereto means for receiving a second support structure and positioning said second support structure so as to simultaneously support at least the head, neck and upper back of the baby; and
- (b) the second support structure being substantially planar and of <u>substantially</u> uniform thickness, such that when the second support structure is joined with the means for receiving the second support structure, and the first support structure is wrapped about the baby, the second support structure is located so as to provide firm support to at least



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the head, neck and upper back of the baby, and is sufficiently resilient so as to generally conform to the adjacent contour of the baby.

- 42. (original): The baby support system of claim 41, wherein the first support structure comprises a piece of fabric.
- 43. (original): The baby support system of claim 41, wherein the first support structure comprises a blanket.
- 44. (original): The baby support system of claim 41, wherein the second support structure comprises a resilient pad that at least partially conforms to the baby's body.
- 45. (original): The baby support of Claim 41, wherein the resilient support pad is constructed from a memory-foam material.
  - 46. (currently amended): A baby support comprising:
- (a) a blanket, the blanket sized to <u>substantially</u> encapsulate the baby, the blanket having attached thereto means for receiving a support pad of resilient, memory-foam material, the means for receiving the support pad configured so as to maintain the support pad in a position with respect to the blanket so as to simultaneously support at least the head, neck and upper back of the baby.
- (b) the support pad being substantially planar and of uniform thickness, the support pad sized to support at least the head, neck and upper back of the baby, the profile of the resilient support pad broader than the baby and substantially the same length as the baby, and sufficiently resilient so as to generally conform to the adjacent contour of the baby when the blanket is wrapped around the baby; and

wherein when the support pad is joined with the means for receiving the support pad, the support pad provides firm support for at least the baby's head, neck and upper back when the blanket is secured about the baby.



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- 47. (original) The baby support of Claim 46 wherein the means for receiving a support pad comprises a piece of material secured to the blanket about the periphery of the piece of material so as to form a pouch, said pouch configured to receive the support pad therein.
- 48. (original): The baby support of Claim 46 wherein the means for receiving a support pad comprises a cover for receiving the support pad, the cover detachably affixable to the fabric, the cover having access means for inserting the support pad.
- 49. (original): The baby support of Claim 48, wherein the cover is detachably affixed to the fabric by means of:
  - (a) at least one complementary part of a snap connected to the cover; and
- (b) at least one opposing complementary part of the snap connected to the fabric which engages the at least one complementary snap on the cover, so as to attach the cover to the fabric.
- 50. (previously presented): The baby support of Claim 48, wherein the cover is detachably affixed to the blanket by means of a complementary pair of strips consisting of one strip of fabric of small hooks that adheres to a corresponding strip of fabric of small loops, and wherein at least one strip is connected to the cover, and at least one complementary strip is connected to the blanket, and whereby the cover is affixed to the fabric by engaging the at least one strip on the cover to the complementary strip on the blanket.
- original): The baby support of Claim 48, wherein the cover is detachably affixed to the blanket by means of a complementary pair of zipper strips, and wherein at least one zipper strip is connected to the cover and at least one complementary zipper strip is connected to the blanket, and whereby the cover is affixed to the blanket by engaging the zipper on the cover with the complementary zipper on the blanket.



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- 52. (original): The baby support of Claim 46, further comprising:
- (a) at least one complementary part of a snap located on a first side of the blanket; and
- (b) at least one opposing complementary part of the snap located on a second side of the fabric in a configuration such that when the fabric is wrapped about the baby the at least one snap engages the at least one opposing complementary snap so as to secure the blanket about the baby.
- 53. The baby support of Claim 46, further comprising a complementary pair of strips consisting of one strip of fabric of small hooks that adheres to a corresponding strip of fabric of small loops, and wherein at least one strip is located on a first side of the fabric; and at least one complementary strip is located on a second side of the blanket which is engageable with the at least one strip on the first side of the blanket so as to secure the blanket about the baby:

